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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**DUNREITH WOMAN SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING
POSTAL MONEY ORDERS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that AMY BLEVINS, 43, Dunreith, Indiana, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 150 hours of community service by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following her guilty plea to issuing money orders without payment, following an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

BLEVINS was a postal employee hired in 2002, and was employed primarily as the postmaster relief in Carthage, Indiana. As postmaster relief, BLEVINS performed all of the duties of the postmaster when the postmaster was not present, and also ran a postal window, selling stamps, money orders and other postal products and services. During a several month period early in 2005, BLEVINS issued twenty-one (21) money orders to herself or to others on

her behalf and did not pay for those money orders. The total amount of money BLEVINS embezzled from the post office was in excess of \$9,000.00.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Susan Heckard Dowd, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also ordered BLEVINS to make restitution in the amount of \$9,003.00.

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